



Chesterfield County, Virginia
Chesterfield County Senior Advocate

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Dear Interested Senior Ambassador Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Chesterfield County Senior Ambassador program. The Senior Advocate's office has partnered with several organizations and businesses, including Chesterfield County Public Schools, the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, CJW Medical Center and Heritage Financial Consultants, to offer this unique program. Enclosed is a flyer, information about the program and an application form.

The Senior Ambassador program is limited to 20 participants and classes start on Monday, September 17 and end November 5, 2012. (Classes will be held on Columbus Day, October 8.) Please return the application form as soon as possible, but no later than August 13, 2012. We will determine the participants in the class in August and you will be notified at that time. If you have been accepted into the program, you will receive a confirmation as well as specific information about the program and where to meet on the first day of class. If you don't make it into the fall class, we will also let you know that.

Thank you for your interest in the Chesterfield County Senior Ambassador program and please don't hesitate to contact the office at 768-7878 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Debbie Leidheiser
Chesterfield Senior Advocate

Chesterfield County Senior Ambassador Program

Senior Advocate's Office

Information and Application for Fall 2012

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for Chesterfield's older adults to share their invaluable resources to enhance positive change in the community through leadership and advocacy through volunteering, while enriching their own lives. Graduates of the program will continue to volunteer in the community.

Goals and Objectives: To provide opportunities for continued lifelong learning.

Objective 1: To foster awareness about resources in the community.

1. Site visits
2. Panel & speaker presentations
3. Interactive discussion
4. Hands-on activities

Objective 2: To identify individual leadership strengths.

1. Individual assessment
2. Discussion
3. Self-evaluation

Objective 3: To make a connection between objectives 1 and 2.

1. Ways to get involved
2. Group project
3. Recruitment of others into the program
4. Volunteering in the community

Objective 4: To provide a program for older adults to share their talents and to be better equipped to continue to enhance positive change and growth in Chesterfield.

How will this program benefit older adults? The program will benefit a person if they are interested in:

- Broadening their knowledge of the community.
- Discovering new and creative ways to use their energies and talents in the community
- Learning more about volunteer opportunities and other self-enrichment programs
- Meeting new friends who share the same intellectual curiosity and commitment to the community.

General Information: This is a Lifelong Learning program through Chesterfield County's Senior Advocate's office, in partnership with Chesterfield County Public Schools, CJW Medical Center, Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce and Heritage Financial Consultants. In working with these organizations and others, a diverse group of actively engaged older adults will get a "snapshot" of the cultural, historical, safety, justice and legal, educational, government and business, and health and wellness services climate of our community. Each day could feature a different site visit, guest lecture or meeting with a county leader, policymaker or history expert, so the participants will be better equipped to continue to enhance positive change and growth in the community.

Requirements:

- You must be a Chesterfield County resident and be age 55 or "better".
- You must provide your own transportation.
- Applicants are advised that the program will require that they be able to participate in physical activity such as walking tours, getting on and off of buses and lengthy periods of sitting.
- Each participant is expected to contribute 10 hours of volunteer services in Chesterfield County. This should be completed in 3 months.

Fee for participants: Free for the 8-week course.

Class Dates: The program will run September 17 – November 7, 2012. (**Classes will be held on Columbus Day, October 8.**)

Time: Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Number of participants per class: 20

Age to participate in program: 55 years and "better"

Dress Code: Casual

Class Project: Each class will have a class project, agreed on by the class. The class project should be completed by January 31, 2013

Class Location: Most classes will be held at the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Courts Building, 7000 Lucy Corr Boulevard, Chesterfield. Some of the classes will be held at other locations.

How to Apply: Complete and sign the attached application form and return to:
Debbie Leidheiser, Chesterfield County Senior Advocate

P. O. Box 520
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Applicants will receive confirmation and further details the last week in August.



Chesterfield County Senior Ambassador Program

Application for Fall 2012

Mondays, September 17 – November 5, 2012

If you are interested in applying to be a member of the Chesterfield County Senior Ambassador program, please fill out the application below. Your signature at the bottom of the form guarantees that you are committing to be a member of the 8-week program. You will be notified if you are accepted into the program and will receive further information.

Name (Last, First): _____

Name on Your Name Tag: _____

Address (Street): _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Chesterfield County Resident: _____
How Long? _____

Work Experience: _____

Volunteer Experience: _____

Interests/Special Skills: _____

Why do you want to be in the Senior Ambassador program? _____

During the class, would you be willing to give a two minute talk on what you are interested in? _____

In what magisterial district do you reside? _____
The program will require physical activity including walking tours, getting on and off of buses and lengthy periods of sitting. Will you need special accommodations to participate? _____ If yes, what are your needs: _____

We will attempt to provide reasonable accommodations, but may not be able to accept applicants who are unable to meet the physical activity requirements of the planned activities.

I certify that the above information is correct and I give my permission for any background checks. I would like to attend the fall session of the Chesterfield County Senior Ambassador program on Mondays, September 17 – November 5, 2012.

Signature

Please provide the following demographic information for statistical purposes only.

- LANGUAGES SPOKEN
 - ☐ Spanish
 - ☐ Russian
 - ☐ Chinese
 - ☐ English
 - ☐ Other: _____
- ETHNIC BACKGROUND
 - ☐ Hispanic
 - ☐ African American
 - ☐ Asian
 - ☐ Caucasian
- ☐ Other _____
- HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SENIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM?
 - ☐ Flyer
 - ☐ Friend
 - ☐ Volunteer Center
 - ☐ Group/ Club
 - ☐ Television
 - ☐ Newspaper
 - ☐ Radio
 - ☐ Other: _____

The application must be received by August 13, 2012. Please mail to:

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